

PHYSAPIDA LEACH, 1815 (INSECTA, NEUROPTERA) ; PROPOSED  
ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL INDEX AS A NOMEN OBLITUM.  
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The family-group name PHYSAPIDA Leach, 1815, in Brewster's *Edinburgh Encyclopedia* 9(1) : 137, type-genus *Physapus* Leach, 1815 (a junior objective synonym of *Nemoptera* Latreille, 1802) is nomenclatorially valid and if the Law of Priority be strictly enforced, an amended family-group name based upon *Physapus* Leach should replace the family-group name NEMOPTERIDAE Burmeister, 1839 (published as NEMATOPTERIDAE).

2. Leach's family-group name, however, has not been adopted and to introduce it now merely on the grounds of priority would cause unnecessary confusion. It is therefore desirable that the family-group name PHYSAPIDA Leach, 1815, type-genus *Physapus* Leach, should be placed upon the Official Index of Invalid and Rejected Family-Group Names in Zoology.

3. The Commission is therefore asked :

- (1) to declare that the family-group name PHYSAPIDA Leach, 1815, type-genus *Physapus* Leach, 1815, is a nomen oblitum ; and
- (2) to place the family-group name PHYSAPIDA Leach, 1815, as defined in (1) above, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.